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1. claims: 1-20,24,25,28-46,51-56,63-66,68-82

Printing of a position-determining, machine-readable pattern and other content in a single document by a same printer using inks of same colour and different optical absorption properties outside the visible spectrum.

2. claims: 21-23,26,27,49,50

Printing of a position-determining, machine-readable pattern pattern and other content in a single document by a same printer where the data for the position-determining is not subjected to the same treatment as the other content.

3. claims: 47,48

Method of printing a position-determining, machine-readable pattern pattern and other content in a single document by a same printer comprising reproducing an already-rasterized document and changing the colour space in which to express the content and reserving a colour plane for the position-determining pattern.

4. claims: 57-62,67

Printing of a position-determining pattern, machine-readable pattern and other content in a single document by a same printer using a specific colour conversion means for the portions of the document where the position-determining pattern and the other content are superposed.

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